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Opening a cement factory at Pudukkottai.

* 97 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the former Pudukkottai State Government had taken steps for the founding of a cement factory in the present Pudukkottai division, Tiruchirappalli district; and

(*b*) whether the Madras State Government propose to pursue the matter?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) It is reported that proposals for the establishment of a cement factory in Pudukottai were considered by the then *durbar* but were dropped because the applicant did not pursue the scheme.

" (*b*) No, Sir."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know the reasons as to why the Government do not propose to pursue the matter? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The present policy of the Government is not to start any cement factory themselves. If any individual comes forward, the Government will consider the matter, support him and give him some help. As at present, no individual has come forward to start a cement factory there. That is why I said that the Government can take no action in the matter."

Permission for goat-browsing in zamindari forests.

* 98 *Q.*—SRI P. RAMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any special order in zamindari forests taken over by Government permitting goats to enter the forests for this year or for some months in the year;

(*b*) if so, whether it is intended for all the forests taken over from zamindars or for some particular areas only; and

(*c*) whether the orders have been sent by the department to all the subordinate officials?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Goat-browsing has been totally prohibited in the major estate forests which had been notified as reserved forests prior to December 1951. In the estate forests which had not been declared as reserved forests prior to December 1951, goat-browsing was permitted up to 1st April 1952. In certain other minor forests which are not proposed to be constituted into reserved forests, no restriction on goat-browsing is imposed.

" (*c*) Yes, Sir."